

Minister. Roderic O'Gorman, T.D.
Minister for Children, Equality, Disability &
Integration of Youth,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.
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18th February, 2021

Our Ref: M 69122

Re: **Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council
held on 17th February, 2021**

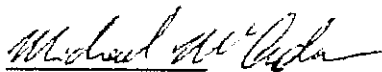
Dear Minister O'Gorman,

I write on behalf of the Elected Members who at the Clondalkin Area Committee meeting held on 17th February, 2021 passed the following motion:

"That this Area Committee calls on the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to insert a paragraph amendment to the Civil Registration Act to give adopted people the right to access their birth certificates. The Amendment can be appended to any legislation currently being passed by the Oireachtas. The proposed text is as follows: "An tArd-Chláraitheoir shall on an application made in the prescribed manner by an adopted person, a record of whose birth is kept by an tArd-Chláraitheoir and who has reached the age of 18 years supply to that person on payment of the prescribed fee (if any) such information as is necessary to enable that person to obtain a certified copy of the record of his/her birth."

I would be obliged for your comments and response as soon as possible to enable me to revert to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,



Michael McAdam,
A/Senior Executive Officer.

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24th February 2021

Mr. Michael McAdam

info@sdublincoco.ie

Dear Mr. McAdam,

On behalf of Roderic O'Gorman TD, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth, I wish to acknowledge receipt and thank you for your email concerning the Civil Registration Act. Your correspondence is receiving attention and a further reply will issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Hughes

Private Secretary to Minister Roderic O'Gorman TD

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14th March 2021

Mr. Michael McAdam

info@sdblincoco.ie

Dear Mr. McAdam,

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of the Clondalkin Area Committee of South Dublin County Council, regarding access to birth certificates for adopted persons.

The Minister understands the absolute importance of access to birth certs and early life information for adopted persons. Addressing this issue is a key part of the Government's Action Plan in response to the Commission's Report. It is a priority for the Minister, the Attorney General and the Taoiseach.

The Department is engaging intensively with the Attorney General to find a solution to the issue of release of birth information. Through this engagement with the Attorney General, the Minister is hopeful that Heads of Bill to allow access to birth information, including birth certificates, will be prepared by early April. The draft legislation would then go before an Oireachtas committee for pre legislative scrutiny.

I hope this information has been helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Hughes

Private Secretary to Minister Roderic O'Gorman TD